

Sanderson, Martha Ann (b. 1854);

Abby Rice Sanderson (b. 1829)

Diaries of Martha Ann Sanderson and Abby Rice Sanderson, Jan. 10-Feb. 15, 1874; Jan. 1-Apr. 25, 1876. Whately, Mass., 1874,1876

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Martha Ann Sanderson (called Mattie by her family) kept the earlier diary; her mother, Abby Rice Sanderson (b. 1829), the later. Crafts' *History of Whately*, pp. 552-53.

Note: Quite detailed on domestic life, particularly diet and cooking; also useful in description of social activities of young women in the 1870s. Diaries are written on blank pages of a family account book which contains detailed accounts of estate settlements for Thomas Sanderson of Whately (1746-1824) and his son Eli (1795-1823). A very useful estate inventory of a wealthy tanner and farmer.